

# What is Fare Capping?

- A new smartcard system will be introduced in 2017 which will allow customers to take advantage of Fare Capping.
- Fare Capping is a pay-as-you-go system that guarantees you will not pay more than the lowest authorized fare for any period of travel, without having to pay the full cost of a pass in advance.
- If you ride enough in any given time period to have earned a discount, your fare will be capped at that level. If you ride less, you pay for what you rode.
- Fare Capping provides customers with the **flexibility** of paying in cash, and the **benefits** of purchasing a longer term pass, without having to pay for the pass all at once, or risk that some of the pass value will go unused.

## How Does Fare Capping Work?

- Customers can use the smartcard to ride any bus in the CTtransit and CTfastrak systems.
- Once your account is created by depositing a minimum of \$10, simply tap your card on the bus or tap a smartcard validator at a CTfastrak station. You can now ride for 2-hours without any additional charge.
- At the end of the day, the value of all the rides taken will be calculated, and deducted from your account. If any of the existing fare discounts apply, the amount deducted from your account will be limited to the cap, not the actual value of rides that you took.

**At today's bus fare, a rider on a local bus can make as many trips as they want, but will not be charged more than:**

\$3.00 per day

or

\$7.50 for any consecutive three day period (vs \$9.00)

or

\$12 for any consecutive five day period (vs \$15.00)

or

\$16.50 for any consecutive seven day period (vs \$21.00)

or

\$54 for any consecutive 31 day period (vs \$93.00)

**If the proposed fare increase is approved, a rider on a local bus can make as many trips as they want, but will not be charged more than:**

\$3.50 per day

or

\$8.75 for any consecutive three day period (vs \$10.50)

or

\$14 for any consecutive five day period (vs \$17.50)

or

\$19.25 for any consecutive seven day period (vs \$24.50)

or

\$63 for any consecutive 31 day period (vs \$108.50)

## **Benefit to Riders**

- For passengers who ride CTtransit Express multi-zone buses, the smartcard will introduce a new set of discounts based on daily, 3, 5, and 7 day fare caps, similar to those available for local bus riders.
- These discounts will only be available through use of the smartcard.
- Users of the smartcard can receive the benefit of a 31 Day pass discount (currently available through purchase of the monthly or 31 Day pass) without advance purchase.